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FROM: *Robin Kay for*
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SUBJECT: **REQUEST TO INCREASE DELEGATED AUTHORITY PERCENTAGE
FOR INDIGENT ACUTE PSYCHIATRIC INPATIENT HOSPITAL
SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH AURORA CHARTER OAK, LLC, FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2011-12**

This memorandum is to comply with Board Policy Manual, Section 5.120, Authority to Approve Increases to Board Approved Contract Amounts. The Policy mandates that any department requesting a percentage increase in delegated authority exceeding ten percent of the total contract amount must provide a detailed justification and advance written notice to your Board, with a copy to the Chief Executive Officer, at least two weeks prior to the Board Meeting at which the proposed contract is to be presented.

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) requests an additional ten percent for a total of twenty percent delegated authority for the Indigent Acute Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital (Indigent) services Agreement with Aurora Charter Oak, LLC. DMH will perform key roles in the Post-Release Community Supervision (PCS) required under Assembly Bill (AB) 109. Responsibility for supervising inmates who are released from prison after serving a sentence for non-violent, non-serious, non-sex offenses will be transferred to Los Angeles County as part of AB 109. Currently, the County estimates that 8,000 to 9,000 low-level offenders will be released to Los Angeles County under PCS in Fiscal Year 2011-12, of which approximately thirty percent are anticipated to require mental health services. A significant number of these clients will likely have co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders.

Based on experience with the Non-Revocable Parolee population and information on the general parole population, DMH anticipates that PCS clients will need a full range of mental health treatment options – including inpatient and Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD) beds, residential treatment, and various levels of outpatient services.

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Should there be a need to exceed the twenty percent delegated authority, DMH will return to your Board with a request for authority to amend the Indigent Agreement accordingly.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me, or your staff may contact Richard Kushi, Chief, Contracts Development and Administration Division, at (213) 738-4684.

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